

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 5:21-cr-736-7
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PLAINTIFF,)	JUDGE SARA LIOI
)	
vs.)	
)	ORDER
ANTWAIN D. STEWART,)	
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DEFENDANT.)	

This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge Jennifer Dowdell Armstrong Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT the plea of guilty of defendant Antwain D. Stewart and enter a finding of guilty against defendant. (Doc. No. 180.)

On February 2, 2022, the government filed a Superseding Indictment against defendant. (Doc. No. 34.) On September 14, 2022, this Court issued an order assigning this case to Magistrate Judge Armstrong for the purpose of receiving defendant's guilty plea. (Doc. No. 174.)

On September 19, 2022, a hearing was held in which defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment, charging him with Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Valeryl Fentanyl, and Cocaine, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 846. Magistrate Judge Armstrong received defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Doc. No. 180.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen days after it was issued.

Upon *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is ADOPTED. Specifically, the Court finds as follows: that the defendant is competent to enter a plea, that he understands his constitutional rights, that he is aware of the consequences of entering a plea, and that there is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court further finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Accordingly, the defendant's plea of guilty is APPROVED.

Therefore, the defendant is adjudged guilty of Count 1. The sentencing will be held on January 11, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 16, 2022



HONORABLE SARA LIOI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE